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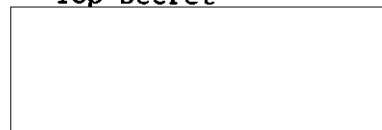
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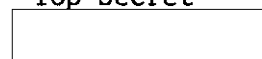


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ISRAEL-LEBANON: Phalange Move Into Beirut Port

(Information as of 2330 EDT)

//The Israelis continue to express concern about Palestinian and Syrian military activities in Lebanon. Egypt's willingness to accept some wounded Palestinians apparently reflects no basic change in its policy.//

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Israeli Concerns

//An Israeli military spokesman yesterday gave the US defense attache in Tel Aviv another summary of cease-fire violations in Lebanon and emphasized Syria should "take note" of the repeated violations that occur from behind its lines. He added that the Syrians on Wednesday had seized a Christian position east of Al Aqurah in the vicinity of Jabal Sannin with the probable intention of moving westward and placing within firing range of the Christian towns of Al Aqurah and Afga. An unconfirmed Phalange radio report yesterday claimed the Syrians were reinforcing their positions in the Bekaa Valley with barricades and antitank guns.//

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Comment: *//The Israelis take a serious view of the fighting between the Syrians and the Christians in the Jabal Sannin area. Tel Aviv has maintained for two years that Syrian troops have to vacate the Sannin Ridge and move out of artillery range of the Christian heartland.*

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Housing for Palestinian Refugees

Israel will allow the UN Relief and Works Agency to house Palestinians temporarily in southern Lebanon in tents at former Palestinian campsites. According to an Israeli Government official, the Israeli military will provide free transportation of tents and other supplies but will not assist in clearing rubble. The official also said the Israeli Government grudgingly agreed to

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this plan because the UN agency had made a compelling argument that there was neither time nor money to provide necessary facilities elsewhere in Lebanon, the Palestinians would strongly resist being moved, and the Lebanese Government refused to allow the Palestinians to move any farther into Lebanon. [REDACTED]

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Comment: The Israelis almost certainly have agreed to this plan because there were no other alternatives to provide housing before the onset of winter. In their view, the ideal solution would be to integrate the Palestinians into Lebanese communities. [REDACTED]

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NICARAGUA: Harassment of Church Backfires

The Sandinistas will keep trying to discredit Church officials despite the violent Catholic reaction in a town near Managua on Monday, but they may attempt to reduce tensions temporarily. []

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Reports about the violence in Masaya differ, but three people in the town were killed and several wounded. A substantial number of the local residents had joined a protest by Catholic secondary school students. []

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When the residents attempted to sack a police station, they fought security forces and pro-Sandinista mobs. According to press reports, the government has taken over administration of the Catholic school where the student demonstration began. []

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The regime has blamed the US and Nicaraguan "reactionaries" for the violence. It is playing down the conflict over freedom of religion, which has been heightened by verbal and physical harassment of bishops and priests in recent weeks. []

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A US Embassy source reports the Sandinistas have requested a dialogue with the Church hierarchy. Some bishops favor negotiations but Managua's Archbishop Obando y Bravo and others are taking a harder line toward the regime. []

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Comment: Church-state tensions could ease temporarily if divisions within the Church hierarchy and the Vatican's traditional conciliatory approach undercut the Archbishop's hardline stance. The Sandinistas' concern about the spread of violence and about their image abroad may lead them to try more subtle means to undermine Church authorities, but they will not abandon the effort. []

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On the other hand, violence in Masaya--a town with a tradition of rebelliousness and staunch Catholicism--reflects growth of opposition to the Sandinistas' high-handed methods. Other incidents--perhaps unrelated to Church-state questions--could cause more widespread violence as the Sandinistas extend their control over the country's institutions. []

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TURKEY: Criticism of Proposed Constitution

The ruling generals are likely to come under increasing pressure to liberalize the draft constitution, which has evoked severe criticism. [redacted]

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The complaints focus on the constitution's provisions for a strong executive, restricted civil liberties, and limited labor rights. Although the criticism spans the political spectrum, it comes mainly from well-educated individuals who are oriented toward the center-left and sympathetic to labor. The draft has more support among less well educated people, employers, and industrialists.

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West European governments, which have criticized the military council's record on human rights, are withholding judgment until the final draft emerges in the fall.

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//The generals have been surprised by the outspoken criticism because they believed they had already liberalized the sterner measures in the draft before presenting it for public discussion. [redacted]

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Comment: In time, the generals are likely to conclude some concessions are necessary to make the constitution acceptable to important segments of the population. [redacted]

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[redacted] The ruling commanders remain determined to hold the national referendum on the draft in November and to restore civilian rule by early 1984.

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POLAND: Symbol of Resistance

//Polish authorities in Warsaw yesterday moved to prevent the nearly daily reconstruction of a large floral cross in memory of Cardinal Wyszynski. Church and municipal authorities announced on Tuesday they will build a monument to Wyszynski in the capital. Church officials recently suggested to the US Embassy that the struggle over the unsanctioned but immensely popular cross has put the Church in an awkward position.//

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Comment: //By removing the most visible symbol of resistance to martial law, the regime has eliminated the main focal point for demonstrations in Warsaw. At the same time, however, it has eliminated an important safety valve for popular frustrations and thus increased the danger of more clashes between demonstrators and police.//

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USSR-ARGENTINA: Soviet Approaches

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Buenos Aires has claimed that Soviet officials who recently visited Argentina are promising enthusiastic support for the latter's claim to the Falkland Islands, which is to be presented during the coming session of the General Assembly. The Foreign Ministers of the two countries met at the UN last September.

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Comment: Since the fighting ended, the USSR has continued to support Argentina's claim, while focusing its propaganda on alleged US plans to establish a military base in the Falklands. Soviet efforts to use the dispute to improve Moscow's cool relations with Argentina have so far been unsuccessful, and this kind of diplomatic attention is unlikely to persuade Argentina to develop closer relations.

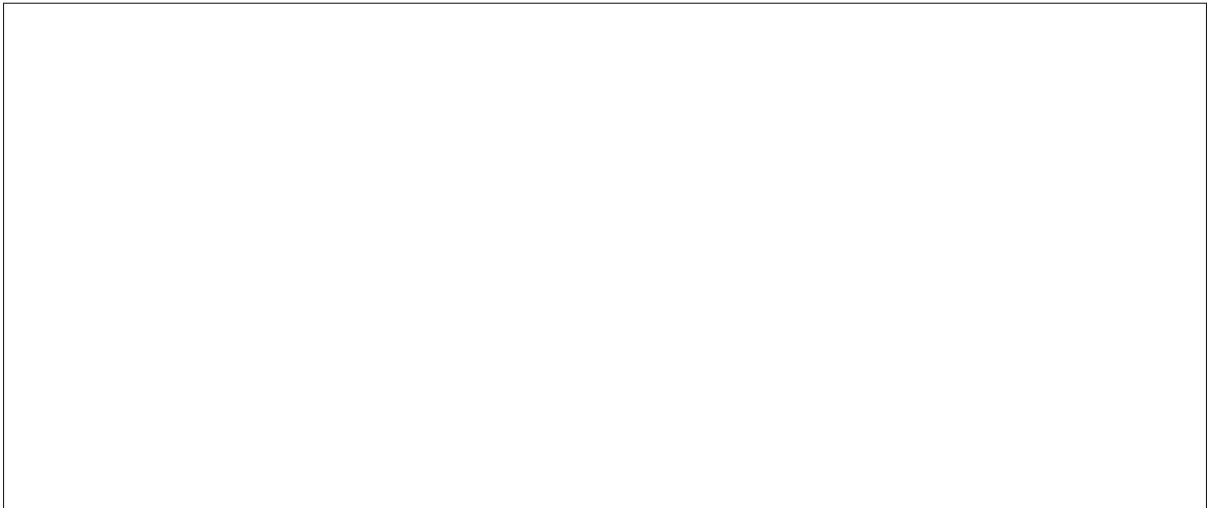
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SOUTH AFRICA: Provincial Election Results

The ruling National Party narrowly won a provincial council election on Wednesday in the first test of its political strength since the right wing of the party broke away earlier this year. The defectors and another ultra-right-wing party split the majority vote in an Afrikaner mining town near Johannesburg. The English-speaking opposition did not contest the election in a constituency where 43 percent of the voters are English speakers who traditionally support Prime Minister Botha. [REDACTED]

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Comment: Although the size of the vote against Botha's party is being portrayed by the South African press as a defeat for the Prime Minister's move to grant limited political rights to Coloreds and Asians, the party never expected to win more than a plurality. Botha's realization that he has permanently lost the Afrikaner right wing may strengthen his resolve to move quickly on his reform program before the next general election in 1986. The results also may spur Botha to broaden his party's political appeal to attract more support from conservative English speakers. [REDACTED]

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NORTH YEMEN: Salih's Political Timetable

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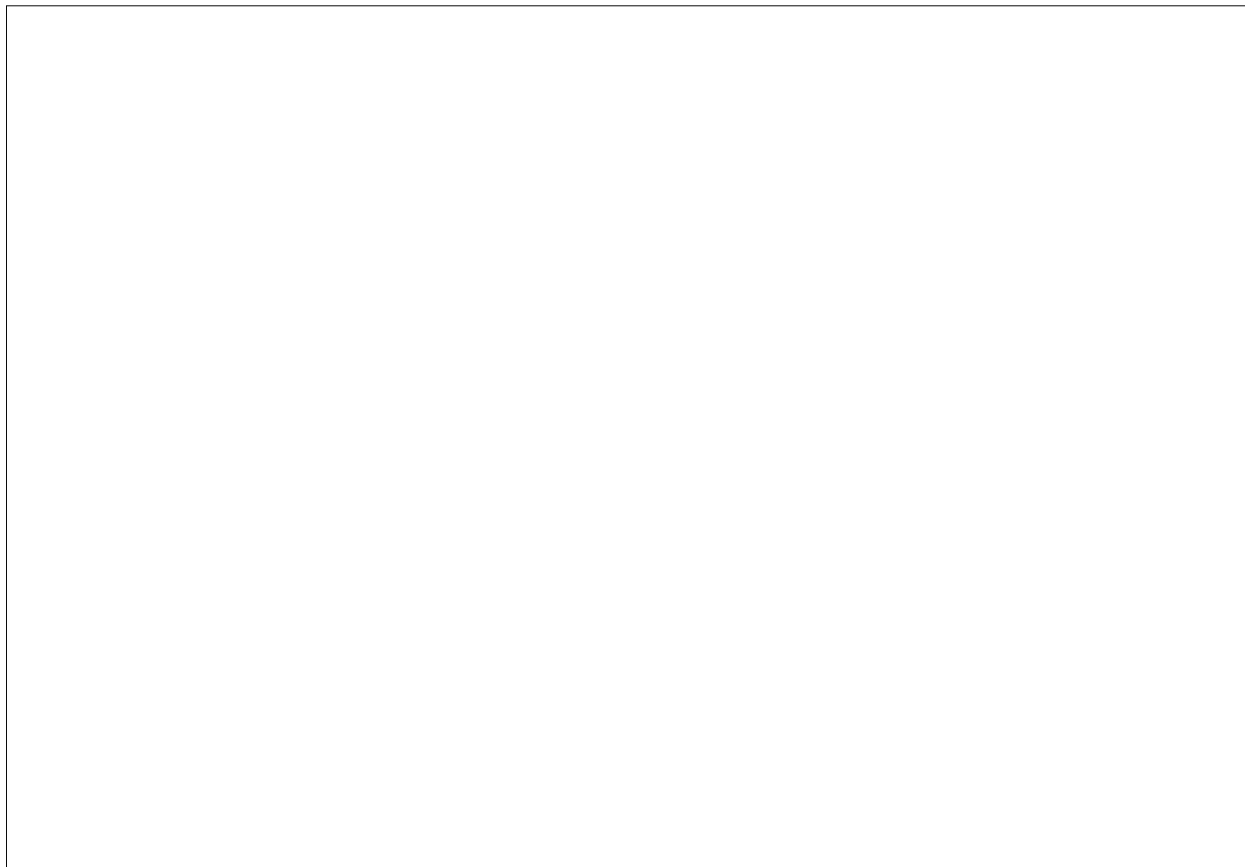
[redacted] President
Salih will finally convene the Popular Congress next week.
The Congress is to ratify a National Pact--a precursor to
a new constitution--and elect a new constituent assembly.
The assembly will then approve a new cabinet.// [redacted]

Comment: //Salih, strengthened by North Yemeni
military successes last spring against South Yemeni -
backed insurgents, clearly plans to stock the assembly
and cabinet with loyalists. He wants to enhance his
legitimacy and to weaken the influence of Saudi Arabia's
allies in North Yemen.// [redacted]

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INDIA: Police Violence in Bombay

Striking police in Bombay started returning to work yesterday after the state government and New Delhi dispatched police and military units to the city to restore order. The government's actions were in response to violence resulting from protests by the police over a state clampdown on their union. According to press accounts, rioting and arson continued to spread to new areas of Bombay. A curfew imposed by the military has been extended through today. [REDACTED]

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Comment: New Delhi appears to have contained the threat of statewide violence by the unionized state police. Prime Minister Gandhi, however, may remove the state's Chief Minister in response to criticism of his handling of the police strike and the continuing strike by 250,000 textile workers in Bombay. She probably fears government inaction at the national level could prompt a repetition of the violent police strike in 1979 that spread across several states. [REDACTED]

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